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PRODUCTION THEREOF
Art Unit : 1761
Examiner : Steven L. Weinstein
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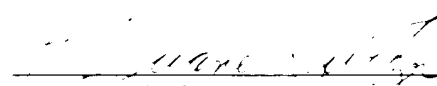
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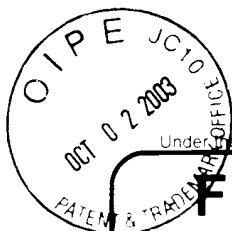
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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)		
1001 750	2001 375	Utility filing fee	
1002 330	2002 165	Design filing fee	
1003 520	2003 260	Plant filing fee	
1004 750	2004 375	Reissue filing fee	
1005 160	2005 80	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1)			(\$)

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
4	-20** = -0-	18	-0-
1	-3** = -0-	84	-0-
Multiple Dependent			

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description
Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	
1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
1201 84	2201 42	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 280	2203 140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 84	2204 42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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3. ADDITIONAL FEES

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1051 130	2051 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
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1053 130	2053 130	Non-English specification	
1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804 920*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252 410	2252 205	Extension for reply within second month	
1253 930	2253 465	Extension for reply within third month	
1254 1,450	2254 725	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255 1,970	2255 985	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 320	2401 160	Notice of Appeal	
1402 320	2402 160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 280	2403 140	Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,300	2453 650	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501 1,300	2501 650	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
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1503 630	2503 315	Plant issue fee	
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1806 180	1806 180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021 40	8021 40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
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1810 750	2810 375	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1301 750	1301 375	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802 900	1802 900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

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CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

(Column 1) (Column 2)

FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16(a))		
TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(c))	minus 20 =	*
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b))	minus 3 =	*
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT (37 CFR 1.16(d))		

* If the difference in column 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in column 2.

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+ \$ _____ =	
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TOTAL	

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OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY

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< \$ _____ =	
+ \$ _____ =	
TOTAL	

CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

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	Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))	*	Minus	***	=
	FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))				

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TOTAL ADD'L FEE	

OR

OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY

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TOTAL ADD'L FEE	

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	FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))				

RATE ADDITIONAL FEE

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TOTAL ADD'L FEE	

OR

RATE ADDITIONAL FEE

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TOTAL ADD'L FEE	

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AMENDMENT C		CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
	Total (37 CFR 1.16(c))	4	Minus	35	= -0-
	Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))	1	Minus	5	= -0-
	FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))				

RATE ADDITIONAL FEE

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+ \$ _____ =	
TOTAL ADD'L FEE	

OR

RATE ADDITIONAL FEE

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+ \$84 =	-0-
+ \$ _____ =	
TOTAL ADD'L FEE	-0-

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